

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-13 are pending in the current application. In the office action dated Nov. 6, 2007, the Examiner objected to drawings as not showing two different windows in one representation. Additionally, the Examiner asserted that there is an interference between the current application and Japanese Patent App. No. JP 2000-005376.

II. Objection to the Drawings

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings, asserting that the drawings do not show two different windows in one representation such that a driver would see both Figures 2A and 2B in one display. Applicant respectfully disagrees. As stated previously in Applicant's response to the Office Acted dated Jan. 25, 2007, a driver should not see both Figures 2A and 2B in one display. As recited in the claims, a driver should see two different windows in one representation as shown in Figure 2C. The image of Figure 2C includes the map of Figure 2B (labeled 50) that has been taken from the detailed map of Figure 2A, surrounded by a simplified map that has been extracted from the detailed map of Figure 2A. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

III. Japanese Patent App. No. JP 2000-005376

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that claims 1-13 are not patentable because there is an interference between the current application and Japanese Patent App. No. JP 2000-005376. Applicant disagrees and submits that it is improper to assert that there is an interference between a pending U.S. application and an application pending in Japan. Examination of claims 1-13 is requested.

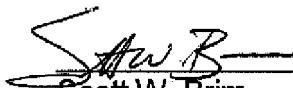
Further, Applicant notes that Figure 8 of JP 2000-005376 is distinguishable from current independent claims 1 and 12. Independent claim 1 recites an image combining unit operable to display a map image inside a window and a simple image of a main road outside of the window on the monitor screen, wherein the map image in the window is presented in greater detail than the simple map image located outside of the

window. Independent claim 12 recites a simple image portion of a monitor screen external to a window portion operable to display a simple mage image of a main road extending outside the window. In contrast to claims 1 and 12, Figure 8 of Japanese App. No. JP 2000-005376 illustrates a display of both a detailed window 3000 and a route 3020 extended outside of that window 3000. Figure 8 of Japanese App. No. JP 2000-005376 does not illustrate a main road extending outside of a window as recited in claim 1. For at least this reason, independent claims 1 and 12 are distinguishable from Figure 8 of Japanese App. No. JP 2000-005376.

IV. Conclusion

Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition of allowance. If there are any questions concerning this Amendment, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

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